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## NEGROES AND LUNAS.

The letter of John C. Leftwich of Montgomery, Alabama, a man of color who visited the Islands some time ago to look into the labor question, contains this paragraph:

I was surprised on reading an editorial in your paper, dated January 15, 1901, stating that it would be well to import Southern white men to act as lunas over my people. If this is the intention of the sugar planters, then I am ready to throw my whole influence against the movement, and will do everything to keep any more colored people from going. The colored people have had enough experience in the south of poor white bosses, without going thousands of miles to be put under the very same condition.

Mr. Leftwich is mistaken about the origin of the proposal, which was an interview with Judge G. B. Robertson of Maui, himself a Southerner and one intelligently concerned for the future of the negro race. The facts upon which Judge Robertson based his conclusions were, as we remember them, as follows:

A certain number of negroes were brought to Maui and put in charge of a man who knew nothing of their peculiarities. They were very poor and needed beds, blankets and food at once. The superintendent sent them to the plantation store, telling them to buy what they needed. The first man asked for a razor and the second for a rocking chair; no one asked for a blanket, but cigars, looking-glasses, hair oil and red neckties were in demand. As soon as the superintendent saw how things were going he stopped the sale and tried the men with a little money; but it all went for razors or ornaments. If the superintendent had been a Southern man, said Judge Robertson, he would have lined the negroes up, dealt out what he knew they would require and taken no back talk. In that way things would have gone along smoothly; as it was, the dissatisfaction of the negroes was as evident as that of their employers.

It is proper to say that in publishing the opinions of Judge Robertson, who is not a planter, the Advertiser did not assume to represent the plantation interests. It did not and does not know what the planters will do for lunas; but it can trust them to take such action as will best conduce to the orderly and efficient management of their estates.

## THE VICE OF "CRAPS."

While moral reforms are being discussed, let us not forget the humble but pernicious vice of "craps." To those who are not familiar with the genesis of "craps" but who ought to assist in its exodus, a word of explanation is needed. "Craps" is a dice game played with two dice or "bones," as the purists call it, and consists in trying to win through combinations of spots, money being staked in any amount on the result. The game was brought here by negroes on the transports and it at once caught the fancy of idle Hawaiians and white men. Now everybody who gambles at all in a small way plays "craps" and the vogue of the game is so general that the police cannot attempt to cope with it and have time left for other duties.

People who, like morning newspaper men, travel the streets after midnight, often see gangs of boys, many of whom have come there on bicycles, playing "craps" under the electric lights. The game goes on, often all night, in scores of suburban shacks and cottages. The waterfront teems with it. On the score of "craps" husbands have complained of wives and wives of husbands, at the conjugal tribunal of Judge Wilcox. The younger generation is going "crap" mad. In other words, we are rearing an expert race of gamblers—youths who may graduate into poker and be able to simulate "Nick" Weaver or "Billy" Hurt.

It is surely a thing worth attending to, as "crap" gambling is a vice which the very young can easily pick up and which is the ruin of them morally and of a great many of them pecuniarily.

It is fortunate, in view of the collapse of Delano Wilcox's influence at Washington, that Mr. Haywood is there to give Hawaii prompt and intelligent representation. He is in demand by chairmen of Congressional committees and by chiefs of departments whenever they need facts about Hawaii, and his readiness with needed data stamps him as a very useful man. Had he enjoyed the privilege of the floor of the House the embarrassment caused by the Wilcox blunder over the coinage redemption bill might have been avoided. As it is, Mr. Haywood may yet be the means of relieving it.

Mr. Quinn's statement of why the Legislature should give Honolulu a city charter is the most explicit we have seen. It is that the native party might run things here to suit itself. There could be no more forthright declaration than that and we commend it to the Republican and Democratic charter-boomers for all it is worth.

The Porto Rican laborers whose "enslaved" condition drew crocodile tears from the Examiner, are enjoying life in Hawaii, doing good work, getting good pay and sending home for their friends. As for the ones who were "rescued" by the monarch of humbug, they are presumed to be either starving in San Francisco or cutting prices against American labor for the sake of keeping body and soul together.

## MR. COOPER'S EVICTION.

The fact that President McKinley's appointee for Secretary of the Territory and his representative before the Legislature here has been denied, not only the privilege of the legislative floor, but the standing of a spectator, is bound to give the President and Congress a low opinion of our law-makers. Had the members of the House had political presence they would, if they deemed Mr. Cooper's presence on the floor unjustifiable, have simply escorted him to his limits, leaving him free to sit with the general public. But his expulsion was as complete as that of Adam from the Garden.

There can be but one opinion of such an impolitic act at Washington and it is that the Legislature has something to conceal and does not wish an official report of its proceedings, which it cannot "doctor," to reach the Federal authorities. We hardly need to point out that the move must be futile as well as reckless; for a Legislature can no more hide away by shutting its door behind an evicted observer than can the ostrich by smothering its head in the sand. What that body does will be known at Washington despite the fact that the President's agent has not been permitted to see and hear.

## GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE.

The Governor's message, so far as this Legislature is concerned, might as well have been left unwritten. On the first day of the session the two Houses appointed committees to inform the Governor that they were organized and ready to receive his message, but adjourned before the document could reach them. This was last Wednesday. On Saturday the message was read in the Senate but the House paid no attention to it and may not hear the document at all. Judging from the general attitude of the majority, the Legislature will be guided by the behests of the Home Rule caucus rather than by the suggestions of the Executive.

The message will, however, be serviceable to the public for its facts and figures and for the impulses it may give to the kind of sentiment that will insist, later, upon the application to the public affairs of Hawaii of common sense and common honesty. That it will commend Governor Dole anew to President McKinley we do not doubt—for it is the kind of message he would write himself if put in a similar position.

There will be quite general sympathy with the movement to give Charley Peterson a berth as Diamond Head reporter in the employ of the Merchants' Exchange. At present reporting is badly done, as must be the case with a new hand at the lighthouse and as was probably the case with Peterson himself when he began his novitiate. But long experience has given "Diamond Head Charley" a knack which makes his services invaluable to the business community, and if the Government will not employ him again, the merchants ought to do so.

Why Dave Hill lets it be known that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, but is "too much engrossed" in his law practice to care anything about a little thing like the Chief Magistracy. No one knows better than Dave that the average political racer who starts in three years ahead of time, usually gets out of the running before he sights the goal. Some time in the summer of 1903 we shall expect the ambitious New Yorker to forget all about the engrossments of the law and put in his best ticks to achieve his life ambition.

There is a fine chance for any native leader in this Legislature to put himself in line for some high administrative office, when a vacancy occurs, by fighting hard and sincerely for economy, retrenchment and reform. Nothing would please President McKinley better than to find native Hawaiians who are capable of serving the Territory with wisdom and integrity. Such men, raised to conspicuous posts, would illustrate the virtues of expansion and thus get the favor and confidence of the National Executive. Any Hawaiian who manages to beat the plunder bills would achieve a political future much to be envied.

Gov. Dole has positive views about milk adulteration and his paragraph on that point we commend especially to our readers. How general such adulteration is, few people know. There cannot be much milk sold from which more or less cream has not been taken, as the temptation to sell separately at \$1 per quart, a substance that would otherwise go with milk that sells at 12½ cents a quart, is very strong. Many dealers leave a safe legal percentage of cream but the customers are few who can get more than one skinning while the man who keeps his own Jersey cow can count upon three. "That milk no good," said a new Chinese cook the other day—"all yellow! Why no white milk!" Though he had worked in scores of Honolulu kitchens it was a novelty to him to find milk that was thoroughly infused with cream.

The Governor's advice to go slow in the matter of paying fire claims is reinforced by sound deductions. In the first place the innocent sufferers should be put in a class apart from the guilty sufferers, the latter being those who, by maintaining plague spots, invited the comedy of fire. All claims should go before a commission to be adjudicated. As this was the measure recommended by President McKinley, it is the only one likely to suit him, especially if the alternative is a grab bag appropriation for everybody.

The Princess Cantacuzine, who was Julia Dent Grant, is living in regal luxury at St. Petersburg. Hers is an instance of the "ups" of fortune which turns the memory back to the younger days of the great man who made her brilliant marriage possible. At her age or thereabouts, Ulisses S. Grant had an attic bedroom in the old What Cheer house at San Francisco and was borrowing enough money to get back to the Galena tannery, where he hoped to earn a modest livelihood. It was little he knew of princes and princesses in those days of poverty and chagrin.

Business, as a glance at the expanding advertising columns of this paper will show, is having something of a boom. A great amount of money has lately come here and this has gone to pay debts and increase confidence. The result is the greatest period of prosperity Hawaii has enjoyed since the outbreak of the bubonic plague.

It is satisfactory to learn, from the Governor's message, that he is in correspondence with the Government in regard to the temporary services of an expert forester. Both reforestation and deforestation require practical and scientific measures which it is within the province of the Federal Bureau of Forestry to supply.

It would not be surprising if General Weyler should achieve a dictatorship in Spain. That he wants to, several circumstances attest. Whether the opportunity has come it is too early to say, but with Carlism on the frontier, rioters in the cities and a boy king on the throne, a really strong man might find his chance in Spain to play a greater role than that of General Prim.

Washington's birthday was not observed in quite the old-fashioned way, when a hundred flags were hoisted over the city, salutes were fired and the people turned out to hear patriotic speaking, but the 22nd had appropriate ceremonial nevertheless. People who think there was no Americanism here before annexation are unfamiliar with a very significant chapter of local history.

The Nation crusade is having its logical result. When Mrs. Nation and her friends took the law into their own hands against the saloonkeepers they gave the latter a chance and incentive to follow suit. The result is smash and counter-smash, mob rule and crime. In the end the law will have to suppress the rioters on both sides and take back the administration of justice into its own hands.

The vogue of "David Harum" has been conferred upon the new book "Eben Holden," which is set down in The Bookman as being the most popular work of the month. The Nation speaks highly of it and the personal tributes from distinguished men are surprising in their number and quality. It is not often that a book leaps into such popularity as has this masterpiece of Irving Bacheller.

The Independent thinks that something or other will "strengthen Wilcox's influence at Washington." If that is so the Delegate will probably be sending back for samples of it. No one knows better than he how much a tonic has been needed for that "influence," since the passage to print of his General Bourm letters to Aguinaldo and the exposure of his vast stock of misinformation about Hawaiian business affairs.

From the first the Advertiser has held that the House should and probably would keep Wilcox in his seat. He has done nothing to warrant Congress in leaving Hawaii without a Delegate. In the event of his expulsion the natives would have re-elected him and put him where he was before, so the proposed measures against him meant wasted time for the sake of feeding personal spite. That Wilcox amounts to nothing at Washington does not qualify his right to be there.

The most important foreign news in this paper today is that of the curt and perhaps insulting refusal of the Chinese Court to obey the ultimatum of the powers. It begins to look as if the allied forces would have to begin another movement, with an idea of making the complete conquest of China, or else lose face with the Chinese by modifying their terms. We venture to think that Von Waldersee will go ahead regardless of consequences which, in the end, may be most serious.

Bishop Potter finds it necessary to do the work of the Parkhurst crusade over again and some day a new reformer will arise to repeat the experience of Bishop Potter. Meanwhile the vicious classes in New York ply their trades and the great wheel of human infamy goes on. The fight against brute evils is older than Sodom and Gomorrah, older indeed than history, but the victors over it are never conquerors. If they were, the millennium would have long since dawned.

One of the most encouraging pieces of news we have lately seen is that Hawaiians at Hana are figuring on taking portions of the Hana plantation cane fields to cultivate on shares. If all the husky Hawaiians who are sunning themselves about the country would figure in the same general way, and after figuring, act, the future of the race would be much brighter than it is. With the present demand for labor every Hawaiian who wants work can find it, but the trouble with the natives has been that they preferred playing to plodding and were even disposed to share their rare crops with Chinese providing the latter would do the work.

The newspaper opponents of the Governor and his council frequently remark, in the intervals of taking patronage from them, that Washington "is weary of Dole." What they know about Washington sentiment was shown by their noisy assurances a year and less ago that he could not be Governor; and by their statement that General Hartwell, as "Mr. Dole's private agent," was persona non grata at the White House. But Mr. Dole became Governor and has continued to receive marks of the President's consideration; while General Hartwell was thanked by Secretary Taft in a letter the Advertiser published for his useful services in assisting the Administration in a Hawaiian policy. Last fall an attempt was made to get Governor Dole into cross-wise relations with the President over the Hawaiian election returns, but it failed when the evidence of Humphreys and Gear's treachery and that of their friends was presented.

Former Senator Pierce of North Dakota is dead.

## NEWS OF WORLD CONDENSED

France, Oct., wants the Jeffries-Hullin fight.

A co-operative city is to be started in Illinois.

Two deaths have resulted from the British steamer Lucerne is ashore on Newfoundland.

Kidnaping has been made a capital offence in Illinois.

The St. Louis World's Fair bill will pass this session.

Another attempt will be made to push the Hawaiian cable bill.

Many men are being discharged from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Senator Foraker will support Representative Kahn's Chinese bill.

Andrews, Editor of the Boston Herald, has been shot by an unknown man.

A sugar refinery in opposition to the Sugar Trust is to be built in Delaware.

The Virginia Legislature has taken steps to put out the vote of the negro.

Civil service rules are to apply hereafter in the Baltimore & Ohio railway.

Marshall S. Pike, the poet, singer and actor, died in Massachusetts last week.

Russia has decreed a heavier tariff against certain imports from the United States.

Prof. Barrett Wendell of Harvard will lecture at Berkeley during the summer session.

Senator Teller will try to prevent the consideration of the subsidy bill at this session.

An attempt is to be made by Western managers to break the Eastern vaudeville trust.

The Arid Lands Committee in Congress has approved the extension of the Carey Act.

All the males of Grafsfontein, Cape Colony, have been arrested for aiding the Boers.

The California and Alhambra Theatres are to be run under a partnership management.

The Springer baby who was kidnapped was found in a lumber camp in Humboldt county.

The rumor that the Earl car line has been sold to Armour and Company has been confirmed.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra and other members of the Royal family have gone to Windsor.

The United States Attorney F. L. Coombs of the First District of California has tendered his resignation.

It has been announced that Judge Carroll Cook will wed Mrs. Bessie Grim Herold of San Francisco.

Gray, a fellow of the Supreme Court, a son of Oliver Wendell Holmes may succeed him.

The last preparations are being made for the big Eastern steel deal. The capital is said to be \$50,000,000.

Professor C. A. Dunway of Stanford University is to be married to Miss Caroline M. Cushing of Oakland.

Moritz Hermann, prestidigitator, is dead at Berlin. He was the nephew and successor of the great Hermann.

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Maurice Thompson, the novelist, is dead.

A Portland, Ore., dispatch of February 16 says: Six hundred homeseekers arrived in Portland from the East yesterday and today over the Oregon Railroad and Navigation line, a portion of them coming via Spokane and the rest via Huntington. The Northern Pacific also brought about 100 in today.